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Compared to the earlier part of the century, the downtown core within the potential Harrington Historic District has witnessed some building demolition in the later twentieth century. For example, Figure 5 shows a 1926 photograph of Commerce Street (then called Main Street), and below shows the same view in 2004. The overall historic scale and fabric of the building stock is still evident in the downtown today, but some buildings have been demolished (Figure 5). New buildings have been erected in their place, or in some cases, these lots remain empty. The southeast corner of Clark and Commerce streets for example, is devoid of buildings, with a modern Wilmington Trust edifice on the adjacent lot along Clark Street (Photograph 1). Other areas of the potential Harrington Historic District still display their mixed-use character and variety of scales, building heights, and materials, exhibiting some historic details including cornice work, original window and door trim, etc. (Photographs 2 through 4).

The “Five Points” (Photographs 5 and 6) area of the project has also witnessed several demolitions of buildings, including K-2242-2241 (Potter’s Store; Photograph 6) and K-2571 (“Fleming Estate”), both located on the north side of the intersection. The former “Potter’s Store” lot is now used as a community park, known as Heritage Park (Photograph 6). The park has a flagpole, two benches with white stone gravel under them, and a paved walkway. Landscaping includes grass and low shrubbery, as well as in-ground, flat dedication stones/markers. The small park was built in 1991. The “Five Points” intersection is just outside of the potential Harrington Historic District.

The West Street/Farmington Road section, which will be widened as part of this project, consists primarily of residential buildings on moderate-sized lots to the north (West Street portion), followed by much larger parcels including several working, as well as non-working, farms (with land under cultivation) toward the south (Farmington Road portion). Historically, it appears that both sides of Farmington Road were farmed. One property, K-4618, known as the N. Williams’ farm, on the west side of Farmington Road, was previously surveyed in the early 1980s and has been demolished since that survey. Two residences, 309 West Street (previously surveyed as K-2663) and 3287 Farmington Road (not previously surveyed; see Table 1) were not accessible for full

**Figure 5**  
**1926 and 2004 View of Commerce Street, Harrington, Looking North**  
 Harrington, Kent County, Delaware



**Photo Sources:** Top: Hearn Oil Company Booklet, Delmarva Peninsula, 1926.  
 (on file at the Historical Society of Delaware, Wilmington)

Bottom: A.D. Marble & Company, 2004.





**Photograph 1:** Lot at corner of Clark and Commerce Streets, view to southeast (August 2004).



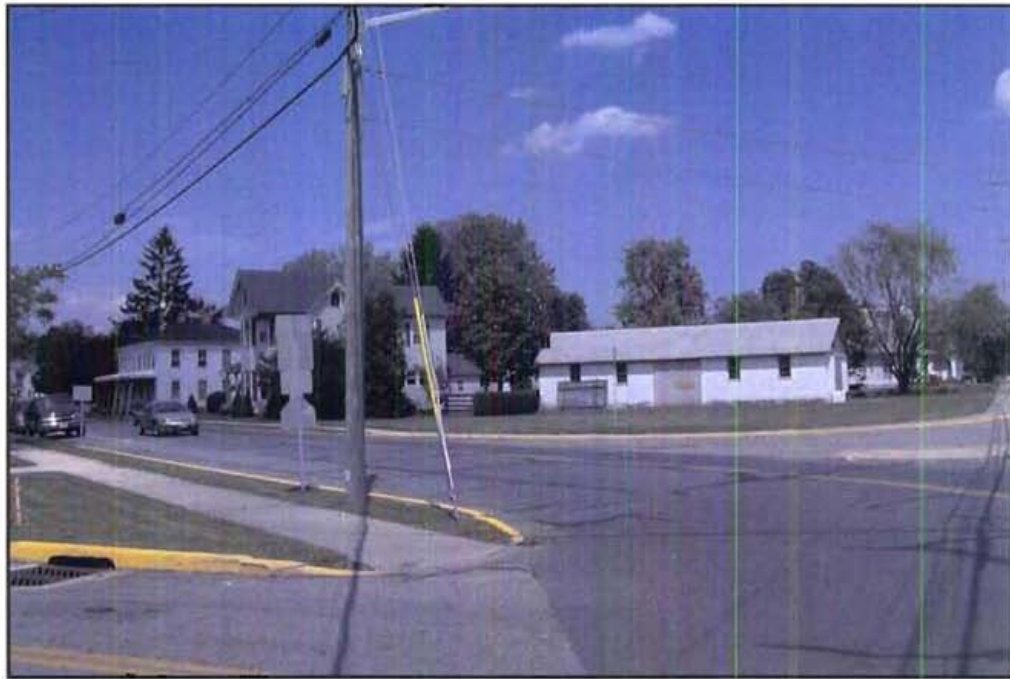
**Photograph 2:** Harrington Jeweler's on Commerce Street near Clark Street, view to southeast (August 2004).



**Photograph 3:** Commerce Street with Clark Street in the background, view to northeast (August 2004).



**Photograph 4:** Commerce Street, view to northwest (August 2004).



**Photograph 5:** The “5 Points” Intersection, Taylor Hardware Store, shed in background, view to north (August 2004).



**Photograph 6:** Heritage Park, view to north (August 2004).

**Table 1. Summary Table of All Surveyed Resources in Project APE.**

CRS No. (K-prefix)	Property Name	Street Address or Location	Age (approx.)	Previously Surveyed?	Recommended Eligibility	Comments
2242	Potter's Store	NE Corner of West & Commerce Streets	Unknown	Y	N/A	Demolished; now Heritage Park
2527	Reese- Harrington	1 Reese Avenue	ca. 1890	Y	Not Eligible	Occupied
2571	Fleming Estate	301 Vernon Road	Unknown	Y	N/A	Demolished
2572	Jones-Welch Property	303 Vernon Road	ca. 1875	Y	Not Eligible	Occupied
2663	N/A	307 West Street	ca. 1900	Y	Not Eligible	Occupied; Owner Refused access
2664	Reese Smith Property	304 West Street	ca. 1860	Y	Not Eligible	Occupied
2665	Reese- Wilson Property	306 West Street	ca. 1925	Y	Eligible	Occupied
4615	Hobbs Property	3061 Farmington Road	Late 19th c.	Y	Not Eligible	Not Occupied
4616	Wellington/Melvin Property	2936 Farmington Road	ca. 1900	Y	Not Eligible	Occupied
4617	Frankhouser Property	2114 Farmington Road	ca. 1875	Y	Not Eligible	Occupied
4618	N. Williams	Farmington Road	Early 19th c. and 1918	Y	N/A	Demolished
4622	Willow Gables Farm/Mrs. C. Jones Property	2375 Farmington Road	ca. 1865 and later	Y	Not Eligible	Occupied
7380	Taylor Hardware Shed Property	NE corner of Reese Avenue & Commerce Street	ca. 1930	N	Not Eligible	Occupied
7381	Melvin Property	3054 Farmington Road	ca. 1940s	N	Not Eligible	Occupied
7382	C. Taylor Property	3306 Farmington Road	ca. 1925	N	Eligible	Occupied
7383	Satterfield Property	3287 Farmington Road	ca. 1950	N	Not Eligible	Occupied; Owner Refused access

survey because the owners refused access. However, digital photographs were taken from the road for these properties.

Copies of the CRS forms for the historic structures in the project study area are found in Appendix B of this report. In addition to the CRS forms, all properties surveyed for this project also have a narrative description and a brief historic overview. Since the CRS forms and the narrative discussions are lengthy, they are not repeated in this report. Instead, the property information is summarized in Table 1. In addition, brief descriptions with summary evaluations are provided below for each standing resource, with references to Delaware's State Historic Context Framework. Digital photographs of each surveyed resource follow the descriptions. Black-and-white contact sheets and photo logs as per DESHPO requirements are being submitted separately from this report.

#### **CRS #K-2527; 1 Reese Avenue**

General Description: This property includes a two-and-one-half story, Queen Anne style residence (Photograph 7). Alterations to the building include porch enclosure(s) and re-siding of the exterior. The house has been extensively remodeled, and it also includes a modern garage.

#### State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.

#### **CRS #K-2572; 303 Vernon Road**

General Description: This property includes a late-nineteenth-century, vernacular frame residence (Photograph 8). Some of the windows and door(s) have been replaced, and there is a later addition on one side of the building.



**Photograph 7:** K-2527. View to southeast (August 2004).



**Photograph 8:** K-2572. View to southeast (August 2004).

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.

**CRS #K-2663; 307 West Street**

General Description: This residence is turn-of-the-century Victorian dwelling (Photograph 9). Built ca. 1900, it is a two-story dwelling with a front-facing gable and a (replaced) picture window on the facade. The house has a full-width, hipped-roof porch.

State Historic Context Framework

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.

**CRS #K-2664; 304 West Street**

General Description: This property includes a nineteenth-century, side-gable, vernacular, frame residence (Photograph 10). The walls of the dwelling are clad in vinyl siding that imitates German lap. There is also a later storage shed and garage on the property.

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.



**Photograph 9:** K-2663. View to west (June 2004).



**Photograph 10:** K-2664. View to northeast (August 2004).

### **CRS #K-2665; 306 West Street**

General Description: This residence is a vernacular interpretation of the Craftsman-Bungalow style of architecture (Photographs 11 and 12). Built ca. 1925, it is a one-and-one-half story dwelling with a front-facing gable. The house has a full-width, hipped-roof porch, which is supported by battered posts. A transom and sidelights surround the front door.

#### State Historic Context Framework

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts

National Register Evaluation: Eligible; Criterion C.

### **CRS #K-4615; 3061 Farmington Road**

General Description: This residence is a late-nineteenth-century, vernacular, wooden frame residence with a cross-gable (Photograph 13a). It is covered with asbestos siding. There is also a group of outbuildings dating from the early to the late twentieth century (Photographs 13b-13g).

#### State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts; Agriculture

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.

### **CRS #K-4616; 2936 Farmington Road**

General Description: This residence is a turn-of-the-century, wooden frame building with cross-gables (Photograph 14). It features some Queen Anne detailing, but the vinyl siding and the large new addition off to one side obscure some of this. There is also a group of unremarkable outbuildings on this property that range from the early to the late twentieth century.



**Photograph 11:** K-2665. View to northeast (August 2004).



**Photograph 12:** K-2665. Detail of front door, view to east (August 2004).



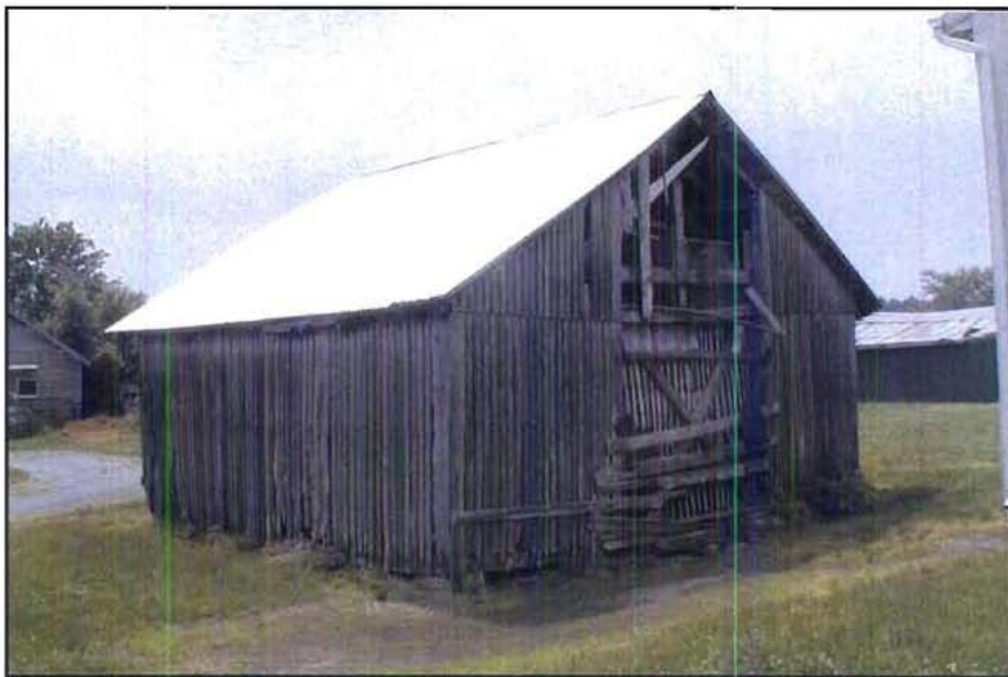
**Photograph 13a:** K-4615. View to southwest (August 2004).



**Photograph 13b:** K-4615. Modern sheds, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (from left of photograph to right). View to northwest (July 2004).



**Photograph 13c:** K-4615. Utility shed. View to southwest (July 2004).



**Photograph 13d:** K-4615. Corncrib, view to southwest (July 2004).



**Photograph 13e:** K-4615. Stable. View to southwest (July 2004).



**Photograph 13f:** K-4615. Wagon shed. View to southwest (July 2004).



**Photograph 13g:** K-4615. Loafing shed, view to northeast (July 2004).



**Photograph 14:** K-4616. View to southeast (August 2004).

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts; Agriculture

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.

**CRS #K-4617; 2114 Farmington Road**

General Description: This residence dates from the late nineteenth century. It is wooden frame and covered with vinyl siding (Photograph 15). The house has been extensively remodeled and it is now connected to a large garage and a fenced concrete patio with an in-ground swimming pool.

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts; Agriculture

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.

**CRS #K-4622; 2375 Farmington Road**

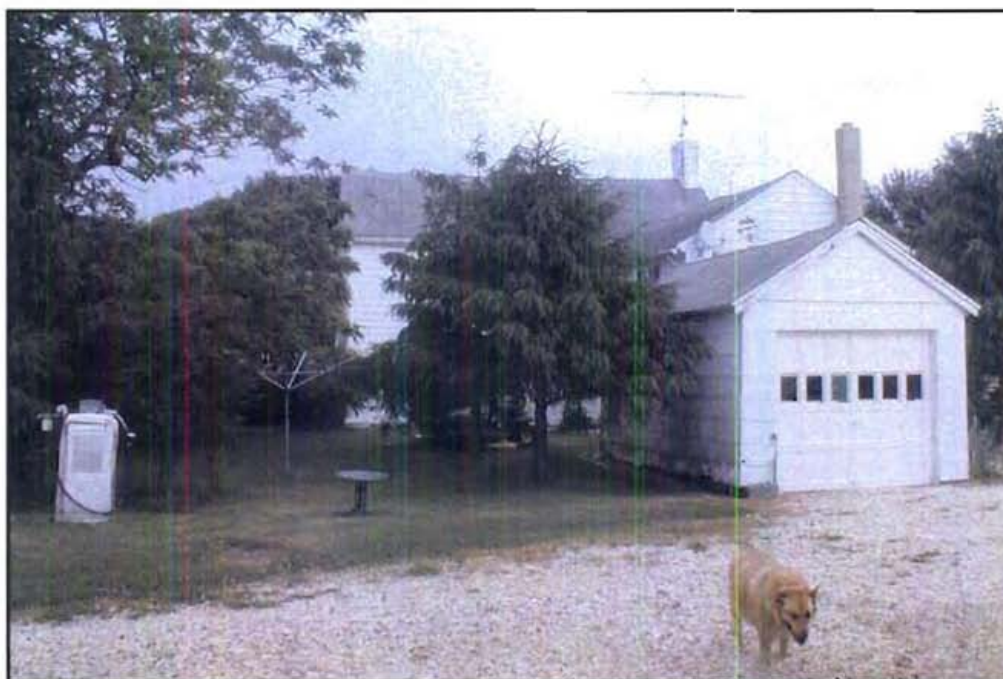
General Description: The earliest section of the residence at this farmstead dates to ca. 1865, and there is a *circa*-1900 addition (Photograph 16a). There have been extensive renovations and expansions, and many original details have been obscured. There are a number of outbuildings here as well, which span a broad date range (Photographs 16b-16h). Most are typical examples of balloon-frame construction, twentieth-century pole construction, and mid-twentieth-century concrete-block construction.



**Photograph 15:** K-4617. View to northeast (August 2004).



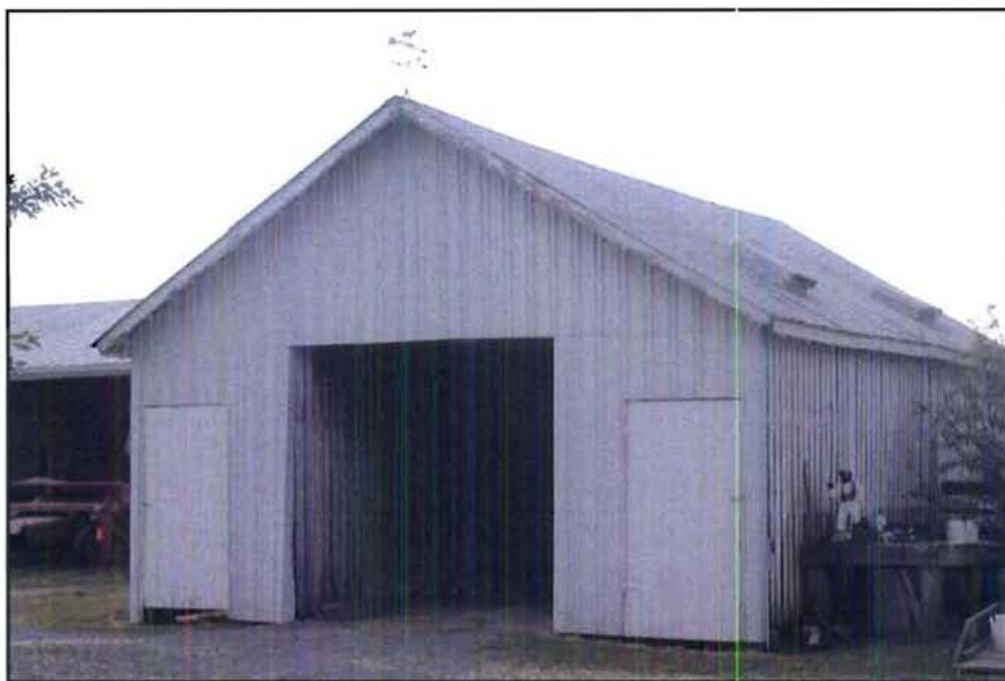
**Photograph 16a:** K-4622. View to west (July 2004).



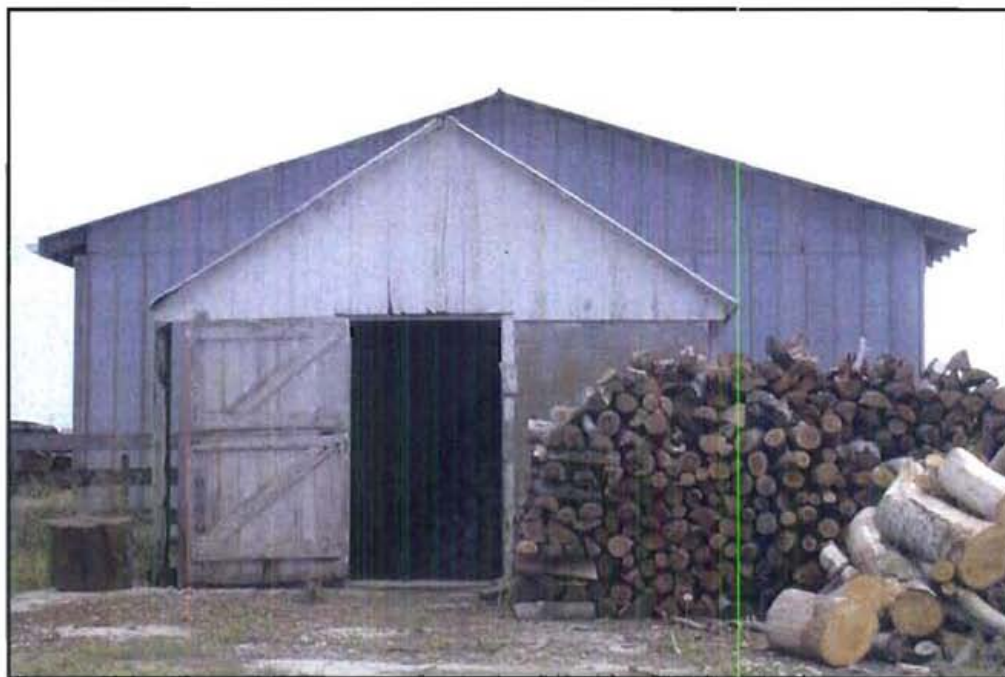
**Photograph 16b:** K-4622. Garage attached to rear of house (former converted smokehouse). View to southeast (July 2004).



**Photograph 16c:** K-4622. Dairy barn with milk house and granary; view to northwest (July 2004).



**Photograph 16d:** K-4622. Corncrib with wagonway in center. View to west (July 2004).



**Photograph 16e:** K-4622. Firewood storage shed, view to south (July 2004).



**Photograph 16f:** K-4622. Combine shed/corncrib. View to southeast (July 2004).



**Photograph 16g:** K-4622. Wagon shed with attached poultry shed, view to north (July 2004).



**Photograph 16h:** K-4622. Poultry sheds, view to north (July 2004).

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts; Agriculture

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.

**CRS #K-7380; Taylor Hardware Shed**

General Description: This is an early-twentieth century, concrete-block, vernacular storage shed that is used for the hardware store (Photograph 5, center of photograph).

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Them(s): Retailing, Wholesaling

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.

**CRS #K-7381; 3054 Farmington Road**

General Description: This residence has a massed plan consisting of a bungalow form with neoclassical elements and extensive modern alterations (Photograph 17).

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.



**Photograph 17:** K-7381. View to northeast (August 2004).

**CRS #K-7382; 3306 Farmington Road**

General Description: This residence dates from the first quarter of the twentieth century, and it is a Bungalow period interpretation of the Colonial Revival style, with a single story (Photograph 18). There are also several contemporaneous outbuildings here, including a small barn. The surrounding area may have been farmed at one time.

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts; Agriculture

National Register Evaluation: Eligible under Criteria A and C.

**CRS #K-7383; 3287 Farmington Road**

General Description: This small, single-story residence dates from 1949 (Photographs 19 and 20). There are also outbuildings here, including a large barn and a shed.

State Historic Context Framework:

Time Period: 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp Zone

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts

National Register Evaluation: Not eligible.



**Photograph 18:** K-7382. View to east (August 2004).



**Photograph 19:** K-7383. House, barn, and shed. View to northwest (February 2005).



**Photograph 20:** K-7383. Barn. View to northwest (February 2005).